

TRAC Meeting: Agricultural Subcommittee

July 14, 2010

Member Attendees

Last	First	Company
Brink	Steven	California Forestry Assoc.
Buttner	Paul	California Rice Commission
Cline	C. Adam	Donaldson Co.
Simpson	Charlie	E.M. Tharp, Inc/Peterbilt
Sousa	Paul	Western United Dairymen
Wegis	Robert	Grimmway Enterprises

Discussion Items:

- April 5, 2010 Minutes Review
- March 31, 2010 Reporting Update
- Reported Data Corrections Request
- Financial Incentives
- Agricultural Health Risk Assessment
- ARB implementation status – Advisories, Hubometers, and Agricultural Vehicle Guidance Documents.
- Future Meeting Action Items

April 5, 2010 Minutes Review

- Meeting minutes for the April 5, 2010 subcommittee meeting were posted to ARB's website for members to review. Subcommittee members had no comments and the minutes were approved.

March 31, 2010 Reporting Update

- An update was provided to subcommittee members regarding the status of all reporting forms submitted by the March 31, 2010 reporting deadline.
- The following preliminary data was provided:

Agricultural Reporting Preliminary Data	
Vehicle Type	Number of Vehicles Reported
Low-Mileage	10,986
Limited-Mileage	4,852
N/A (as stated on reporting form)	933
Total	16,771

Agricultural Reporting Preliminary Data (continued)	
Vehicle Type	Number of Vehicles Reported
Chemical	1,053
Farmer Owned	9,446
In-Field	2,044
Farm to First Processing	4,109
Total	16,652
Nurse Truck	502
Cotton Module Mover	158
Farmer Owned Water Truck	967
Feed Truck Feedlot	462
Total	2,089
Specialty - within SJV	1,023
Specialty - outside SJV	829
Total	1,851

- As of March 31, 2010, approximately 2100 specialty vehicles were reported. However, it is unclear how many of those vehicles are in the San Joaquin Valley at this time.

Reported Data Corrections Request

- Subcommittee members were informed that there were a number of missing fields in the reported data and that staff will be requesting corrections from applicants.
- Subcommittee members asked if staff will assist fleets by identifying the required corrections for each individual reporting form. Staff confirmed that fleets will be notified by letter and/or email and that this information will be included.
- Subcommittee members expressed concern regarding the ease of using the online reporting system relative to spreadsheets and the upload process.
- The process to be used to make corrections to the reporting database, for agricultural equipment that was reported, was discussed. The intent is to have corrections made online without using a spreadsheet upload process. Staff will also develop a method to submit hardcopy information for those who do not have access to computers. A guidance document is being developed to assist fleets in identifying fields and formats and what information they require.
- Notification to fleets will begin in approximately two weeks. Staff estimates that about 500 to 1000 notifications will go out each week and members will be sent examples of the fleet summary for reported data and corrections requests.
- Staff will also send out a listserv so that stakeholders and dealers can assist and inform fleet owners.

Financial Incentives

- ARB staff provided information regarding current ARB funding programs and a summary of funding opportunities for California Trucks. This information included updates to the Air Quality Improvement Program (AB118), as well as the Goods Movement Emission Reduction, Carl Moyer and the Voucher Incentives Programs (VIP). A more detailed overview was provided for the VIP which provides less money but has less stringent qualifications.
- Members suggested that staff develop an online tool to assist fleets in determining what type of funding they may be eligible for. Subcommittee members were directed to the TruckStop website for more information regarding online tools available to fleets.
- Members expressed concern respective to fleets that do not receive 100 percent funding through ARB but are still prohibited from using those trucks toward meeting their compliance requirement. This is a statutory requirement and ARB must administer the program as it is written in law.

Agricultural Health Risk Assessment

- Staff discussed the need to continue the Agricultural Vehicle Health Risk Assessment that is due to the Board by year end, and requested assistance from subcommittee members in identifying the key locations for frequently traveled areas for the purpose of performing truck counts.

ARB implementation status – Advisories, Hubodometers, and Agricultural Vehicle Guidance Documents

- A draft copy of the livestock vehicle advisory was presented. Members were requested to provide feedback regarding the readability of the advisory by July 15, 2010 so that the advisory could be posted by July 16, 2010.
- Information on the proposed use of hubodometers was presented. Members requested that the proposed regulatory language clarify under what circumstances a hubodometer meter should be used in lieu of an odometer if the vehicle is equipped with both for enforcement purposes.
- A draft copy of the “Guidance Document for Agricultural Vehicles” was reviewed. This document provides examples of vehicles that do or do not qualify for the agricultural provisions. Staff requested that members review the draft document and provide feedback within two weeks of the subcommittee meeting.
- Members expressed concern regarding the guidance document and asked for further discussion with the agricultural community relative to the information presented. Staff committed to meeting with key stakeholder representatives to address issues.
- Members requested that staff incorporate their comments and provide an updated version of the guidance document for further future discussion. The purpose of the document was to provide clear examples of which vehicles qualify for the agricultural provision and staff agreed that further discussion is welcome and needed to determine where examples are not clear, and to identify situations that have not been considered.

Action Items

- Staff will send out listserv regarding the need for agricultural vehicles to report their odometer readings as of January 1, 2011, on January 31, 2011.
- Staff will send out listserv to inform stakeholders that letters containing informing on March 31, 2010 reporting corrections are mailed.
- Members to provide input on the "Livestock Vehicle Advisory" and the "Guidance Document for Agricultural Vehicles" by July 15th and July 29th, respectively.
- Staff agreed to meet with other agricultural stakeholder representatives regarding the agricultural vehicle guidance document.